



PECE PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE

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5 New PECE Projects

Five new PECE projects have been approved by the Steering Group and have secured match funding from Defra's Environment for Europe fund. The projects are:

- Small River Basin Management in the Steppe Zone of Southern Russia (led by Mott MacDonald Ltd)
- Education for Sustainability and Climate Change in Central Asia (led by Field Studies Council)
- Eco Footprints - communicating sustainable development in Russia (led by Field Studies Council)
- Joining up Environment Stakeholders in Russia (led by The Britain-Russia Centre)
- Building Capacity for Biodiversity Conservation in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (led by Earthwatch Institute Europe).

For more details on these projects please see <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/projects/current/index.htm>

Forum Meeting Networking Event – Sept 2005

The PECE Forum Meeting and Networking Event will be taking place on the **27th September** at **One Great George Street** in Westminster. Invitations will be sent shortly and details are on the website at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/meetings/index.htm#future>. The Forum Meeting is for members only and the Networking Event is open to all members and non-members. We hope to see you there.

New PECE member

The PECE Secretariat is delighted to welcome new PECE member Environ UK Ltd to the initiative. Please find further information about Environ UK Ltd at their website www.uk.vironcorp.com and on the Member Directory <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/members/partnerdirectory.pdf>

There will be an opportunity for a PECE member to provide a secondee to the PECE Secretariat from October onwards. Further details are available at <http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/pece-secondee-0507.pdf>

Services offered by members

Blackwell Publishing is offering free access to their on-line academic journals to members delivering PECE projects for a 3-month period, and highly reduced rates for in-country partners. Please contact Nancy Buckley at nancy.buckley@blackwellpublishing.com for further details

Atkins Consultants Ltd is offering its expertise in a range of areas (in particular the water environment) to potential PECE projects, free of charge. Please contact Mike Woolgar at mike.woolgar@atkinsglobal.com for further details.

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PECE on your website

To help raise awareness of PECE we are requesting that members add a link to the PECE website (<http://www.pece.co.uk>) from their own.

Furthermore we are asking that members provide the Secretariat with names and e-mail addresses of other colleagues who may have an interest in PECE and would like to receive the PECE newsletter.

Get Involved

The 'Get involved' link on the PECE website has been updated to make it easier for different organisations to find out how they can play a part. Have a look and let us know what you think.

<http://www.pece.co.uk/en/join.htm>

Project Opportunity

The University for Peace wishes to identify potential partners for the following projects in Central Asia:

- A joint project by PRO-NATURA USA and the University for Peace to conduct a feasibility study for a Caucasus Peace Park, a transboundary conservation area
- International Facilitation on Water Resources Cooperation in Central Asia.

- Water Resources Management in Central Asia - Capacity Building and Knowledge Dissemination for Conflict Prevention.

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Funding Opportunity

The Kalingrad and St Petersburg areas of Russia are now eligible for capacity building projects funded by the European Commission, through LIFE-Third countries.

The deadline for applications reaching the National Authority in the Member State is the 31st of October and the Commission, the 30th of November. The projects funded are usually in the €100,000's. Further details at

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/environment/life/toolbox/third-countries.htm>

ANPED Conference

ANPED, the Northern Alliance for Sustainability, will hold a conference on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the UNECE region, which includes Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. The conference will take place on 11-12 September in Bulgaria. More details at

<http://www.pece.co.uk/en/documents/anped-conference-0905.pdf>

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